



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Reopening; Applications for New Awards; Augustus F. Hawkins
Centers of Excellence Program**

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; reopening of application period.

SUMMARY: On August 23, 2022, the Department of Education (Department) published in the *Federal Register* a notice inviting applications (NIA) for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2022 for the Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence (Hawkins) Program, Assistance Listing Number (ALN) 84.116K. The NIA established a deadline date of October 7, 2022, for the transmittal of applications. For eligible applicants that are affected applicants (as described in Eligibility below), located in Puerto Rico, portions of Alaska covered by a Presidential major disaster declaration, and areas under a Presidential major disaster or emergency declaration resulting from Hurricane Ian, which includes Florida, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina, this notice reopens this competition to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by eligible applicants.

DATES: Deadline for Transmittal of Applications for Affected Applicants: October 17, 2022.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 23, 2022, we published the NIA for the Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence Program competition in the *Federal Register* (87 FR 51656). Under the NIA, applications are due on October 7, 2022. We are reopening this competition for affected applicants, which are applicants from: Puerto Rico due to a declared disaster caused by Hurricane Fiona (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4671>); the portions of Alaska with declared disaster designations caused by ex-Typhoon Merbok (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4672>); and areas under a Presidential major disaster or emergency declaration resulting from Hurricane Ian, which include Florida (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4673>), the Seminole Tribe of Florida (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4675>), North Carolina (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/3586>), and South Carolina (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/3585>) in

order to allow applicants from these jurisdictions more time to prepare and submit their applications.

Eligibility: The reopening of this competition applies to eligible applicants under the Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence Program competition that are affected applicants. An eligible applicant for this competition is defined in the NIA. To qualify as an affected applicant, the applicant must have a mailing address that is located in one of the areas listed below and must provide appropriate supporting documentation, if requested.

The affected areas are those in which assistance to individuals or public assistance has been authorized under the following FEMA declarations:

- Puerto Rico (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4671>);
- Portions of Alaska covered by a Presidential major disaster declaration (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4672>);
- Florida (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4673>);
- The Seminole Tribe of Florida (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4675>);
- North Carolina (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/3586>); and
- South Carolina (<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/3585>).

Affected applicants that have already timely submitted applications under the FY 2022 Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence Program competition may submit a new application on or before the new application deadline of October 17, 2022, but they are not required to do so. If a

new application is not submitted, the Department will use the application that was submitted by the original deadline. If a new application is submitted, the Department will consider the application that is last submitted and timely received by 11:59:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on October 17, 2022. Any application submitted by an affected applicant under the reopened deadline must contain evidence (e.g., the applicant organization mailing address) that the applicant is located in one of the applicable areas and, if requested, must provide appropriate supporting documentation.

The application period is not reopened for all applicants. Applications from applicants that are not affected, as defined above, will not be accepted past the original October 7, 2022 deadline.

Note: All requirements and conditions in the NIA remain the same, except for the deadline date for affected applicants.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1033-1033a; 20 U.S.C. 1138-1138d; the Explanatory Statement accompanying Division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. 117-103).

Accessible Format: On request to one of the contact persons listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, individuals with disabilities can obtain this notice, the NIA, and a copy of the application in an accessible format.

The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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